



Summer Adventure Camp was a great success!!

This Summer Seminole County Natural Lands Program hosted our Summer Adventure Camp at the Environmental Studies Center in Longwood. Over the 8 weeks of camp we hiked, fished, learned about animal care, set traps, made edible aquifers, tromped in the mud, caught snakes, possums, raccoons, lizards, spiders, praying mantids, mice & rats, learned about worms (even took some home to start our own worm farm thanks to Natalie & John), made eco cakes and bird feeders, learned about gopher tortoises, got to hold snakes and turtles, made scat, made picture frames, grew flower seeds, learned about aquatic plants and bugs, looked for tracks and scat, played 4 square, turtle soccer & water volleyball, went on a scavenger hunt, made edible arthropods, collected caterpillars and watched their transformation into beautiful butterflies, caught a huge snapping turtle, made new friends and fun memories.....the list goes on and on! Most importantly, we learned about our environment and the many different habitats and animals that live there. We are very fortunate to live in a County that has so much to offer! I guarantee that each of our campers will look at their world differently after attending Summer Adventure Camp!

A BIG thank you to all of my teachers, Miss Natalie, Miss Nancy, Miss Daneen, Miss Mariella, Miss Heather, Mr. Rhett, & Mr. Jeff. Thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm for our environment with all the campers!!!!

If you would like to be put on our Camp Mailing list for next year's information, please email me at: lhartsock@seminolecountyfl.gov



MISSION

We enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors by providing excellent parks, recreation, greenways, natural lands and preservation of heritage for present and future generations.

Visit the Natural Lands Web site
www.seminolecountyfl.gov/natland



Seminole County Guided Hikes

Lead by the Natural Lands Department on some of our most beautiful wilderness areas. \$3 per person. Please register in advance, space is limited. Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult. (***please note: the Swamp Walk is a morning hike and also has an age restriction**).

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| September 8 th | *Swamp Walk | 8:00 a.m-10:00a.m | @ Spring Hammock Preserve |
| (*participants for the swamp walk must have completed 5 th grade) | | | |
| October 13 th | Voices in the Dark | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | @ Lake Harney Wilderness Area |
| November 3 rd | Nocturnal Animals | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | @ Econ River Wilderness Area |
| November 17 th | Owl Prowl | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. | @ Geneva Wilderness Area |

For more information call (407) 349-0959. Pre-registration is required. Register at any of our active parks (Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, or Sylvan Lake Park).

Nature Classes!



Owl Class – Who's Watching Who?

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva

Date/Time: October 20th, 7:00pm-9:30pm

Cost: \$5 per person

Join the Seminole County Natural Lands Program to learn about owls, the silent hunters of the night! Dissect your own owl pellet and hike to listen for owls! Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Pre-registration is required. Register at any active park (Sylvan Lake, Red Bug Lake, or Sanlando Parks)**

Living With Bears – Oh My!

FREE CLASS! Join Mike Orlando, Florida Fish and Wildlife Bear Expert, to learn about bears. With the right information and knowledge, and taking reasonable precautions, people can learn to live harmoniously with these fascinating animals. Mike will answer your questions and even dispel some myths.

Location: Sylvan Lake Park, Sanford

Date/Time: November 10th, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: FREE - Call 407-349-0959 to reserve your seat!



Free Geocaching Class!

NEW!

Geocaching 101

A beginners-level course on geocaching!

November 3rd, 9:00am to Noon

at Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Located at Geneva Wilderness Area

3485 N. CR 426, Geneva, FL 32732



Young & old alike can enjoy this modern-day game of “hide and seek” using GPS coordinates for clues.

Only 20 spaces available, so call NOW to reserve your place! 407-349-0959

Swamp Walk

Remember your 5th grade Mud Walk field trip to the Environmental Studies Center? Take the next step and join the Seminole County Natural Lands Swamp walk on **September 8th, 8-10 a.m.**

Participants must be at least 12 years old, have completed 5th grade, and be accompanied by an adult.

Pre-registration required.

Register at any active park

(Sylvan Lake Park, Sanlando, or Red Bug Lake Park)

\$3 per person

Special Events

National Public Lands Day September 29th

Join us at our Free Open House!

Pet a snake, hold a turtle, even get up close with an alligator!

**@ Ed Yarborough Nature Center
Geneva Wilderness Area
3485 N. County Road 426
Geneva, FL 32732**

***Nature Center Open House:
6:00pm-7:30pm**

***Free Night Hike:
7:30pm-9:30pm**

Native Plant Awareness Day October 27th

Open House - Free to the Public!

***NATIVE PLANT SALE**

***FREE GUIDED HIKE @ 9:00AM**

***NATURE CENTER OPEN HOUSE**

***EXHIBITORS**

9 am. to Noon

**Ed Yarborough Nature Center
Geneva Wilderness Area
3485 N. CR 426, Geneva, FL 32732**



Youth Programs

***Birthday Parties at**

the Ed Yarborough Nature Center

***Scouting Programs/Hikes**

***Public and Private School field trips**

***Eco Programs at your school/classroom**

***Private day and night hikes for groups of 15-25**

Call (407)349-0959 for more information!

